GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4
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TRIBAL COMMUNITIES IN ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of tribals in Andaman & Nicobar Islands, community-wise;

(b) whether the number of certain aboriginal tribes in Andaman & Nicobar Islands is declining;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS (Dr. RAMESHWAR ORAON)

(a) The tribal communities of A&N Islands identified as Scheduled Tribes under Article 342 of the Constitution and their population details are as under:-

S. No.	Name of Scheduled Tribes	Population as per Census 1981	1991	2001
1.	Andamanese, Chariar, Chari, Kora, Tabo, Bo, Yere, Kede, Bea, Balawa, Bojigiyab, Juwai, Kol.	42	32	43
2	Onges.	97	101	96
3	Jarawas	31	89	240
4	Sentinelese			- 24 39
5	Shom Pens.	223	131	398
6	Nicobarese.	21956	25939	28653

(b) to (d) No Sir, do not arise.